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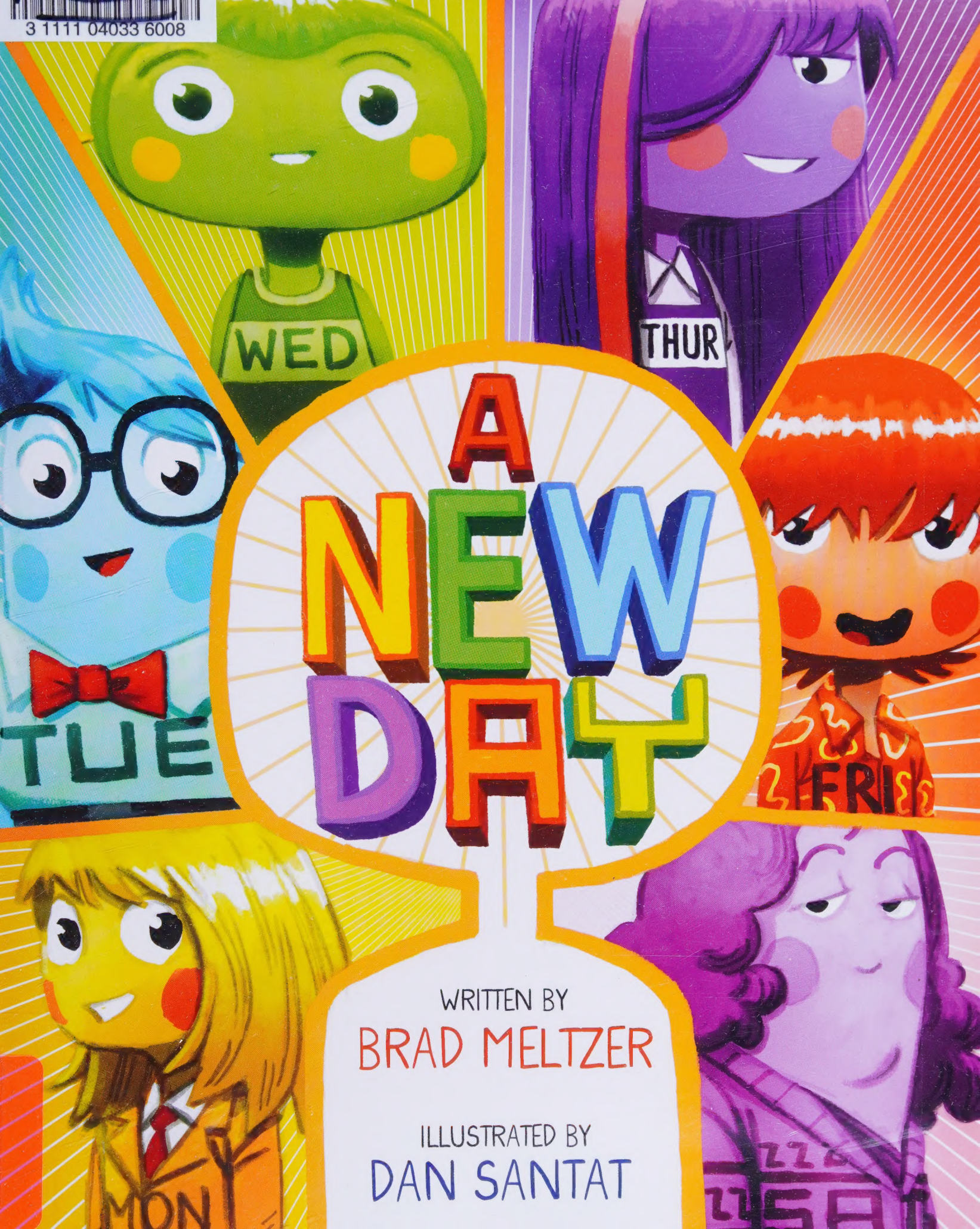

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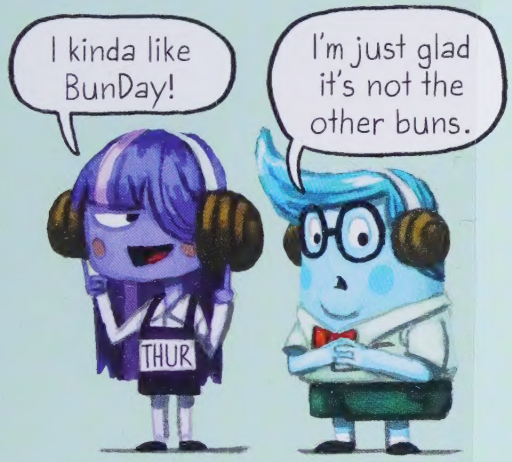
Sunday is feeling more like ***done*** day. Tired of being taken for granted, she quits!

Can the other days of the week find a fabulous and fun, relaxing and replenishing replacement?

Or is something like Runday, Funday, or DogsWhoLoveFrogsDay what's actually needed?



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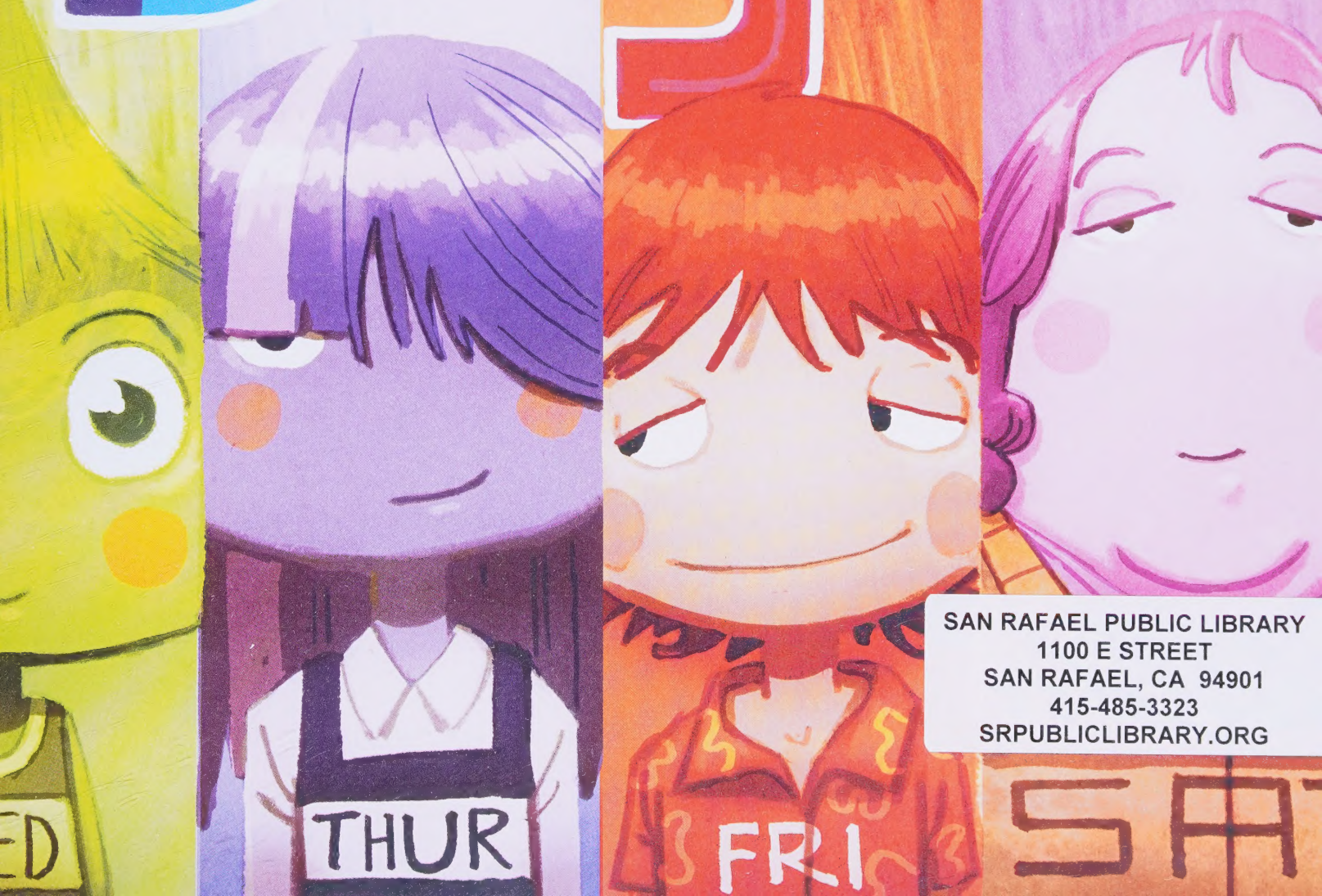

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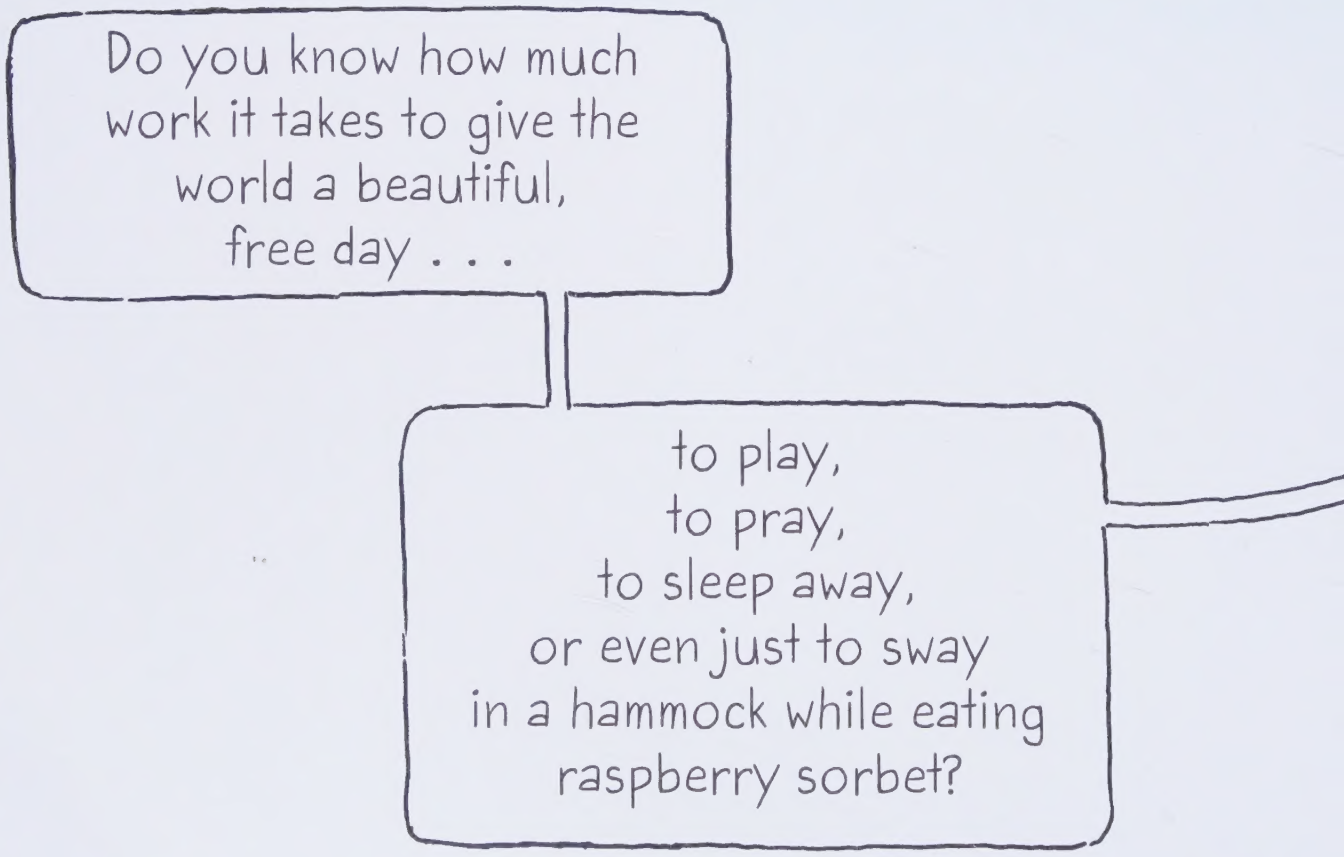
Sunday quit.

Just like that.

She said she was tired of being a day.


Do you know how much work it takes to give the world a beautiful, free day . . .
to play, to pray, to sleep away, or even just to sway in a hammock while eating raspberry sorbet?

And then I do it all over again, week after week, year after year—
With no pay.
With no pay! (Nice rhyme save.)
Everyone gets time for their own fun, or to catch a matinee.
But no one says "How're you?" or even "You okay?"
SUN

The other days were aghast.
No day had quit—not since Marsday, but that was so, so long ago.

I want to learn how to waterski.

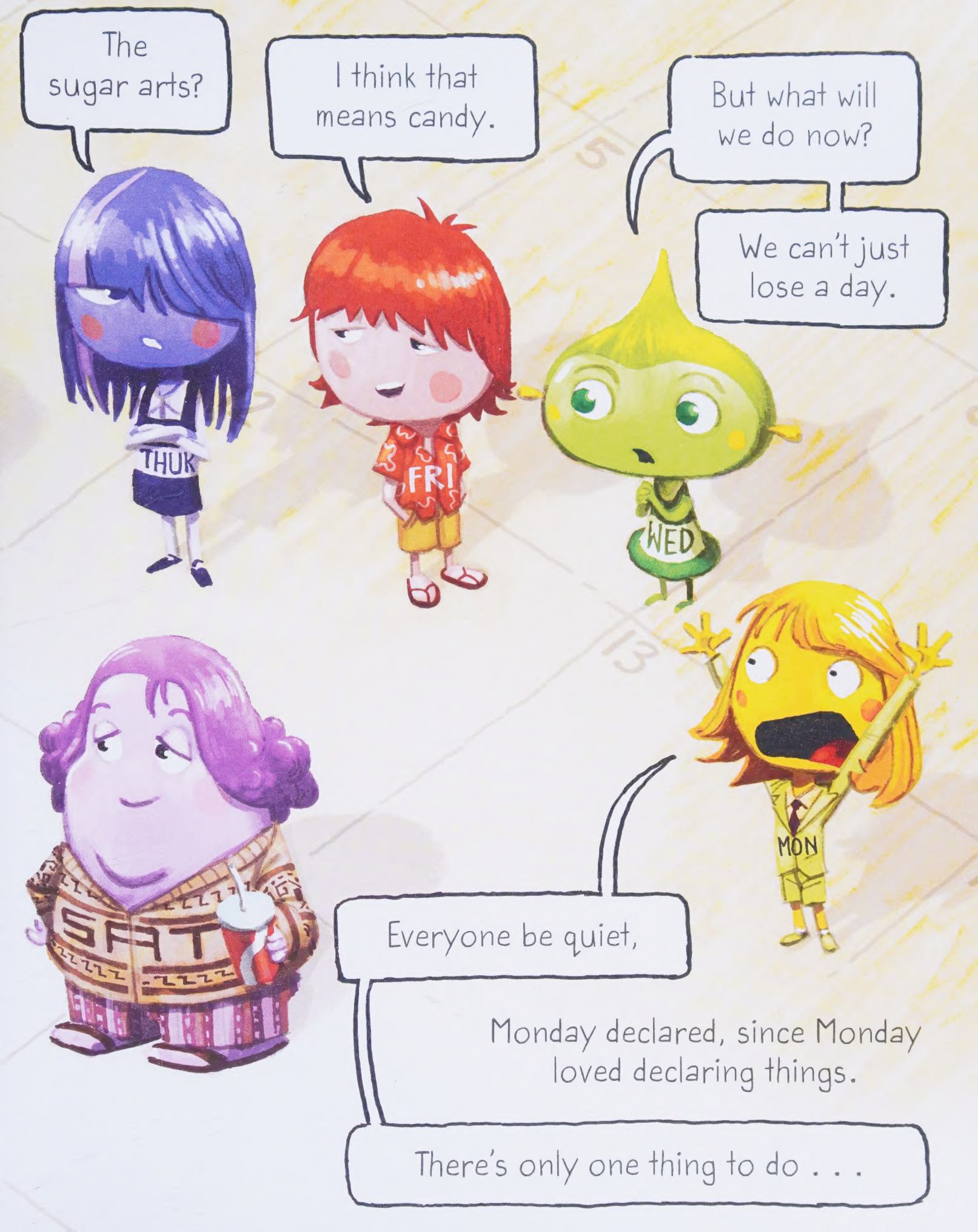
And weld.

And bake the perfect sourdough.

I want to take a car apart to see how it works.

And learn Italian. No, Sanskrit, like the Buddhists.

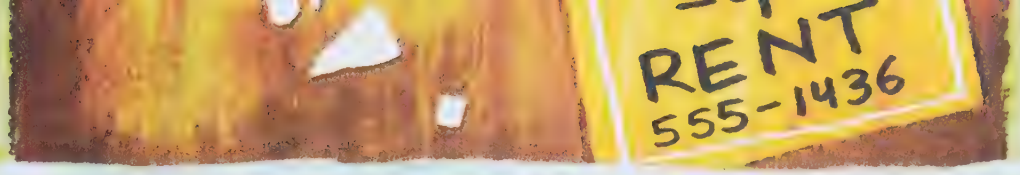
And master the sugar arts.


The sugar arts?
I think that means candy.
But what will we do now?
We can't just lose a day.
THUK
FRI
WED
MON
SAT
Everyone be quiet,
Monday declared, since Monday loved declaring things.
There's only one thing to do . . .

We need to find a new day!

Across the land, posters were put up with those little tabs you can pull off at the bottom.

Oooh, teeny pull tabs.



WANTED

A NEW DAY

MUST BE RELAXING, TRANQUIL, CHILL (THOUGH NOT AS CHILL AS SATURDAY), HEALING, BLESSED, REPLENISHING, QUIET, COMMITTED, AND MOST IMPORTANT:

MUST BE ABLE TO GIVE PEOPLE GOOD DREAMS AND GET ALONG WITH OTHERS!

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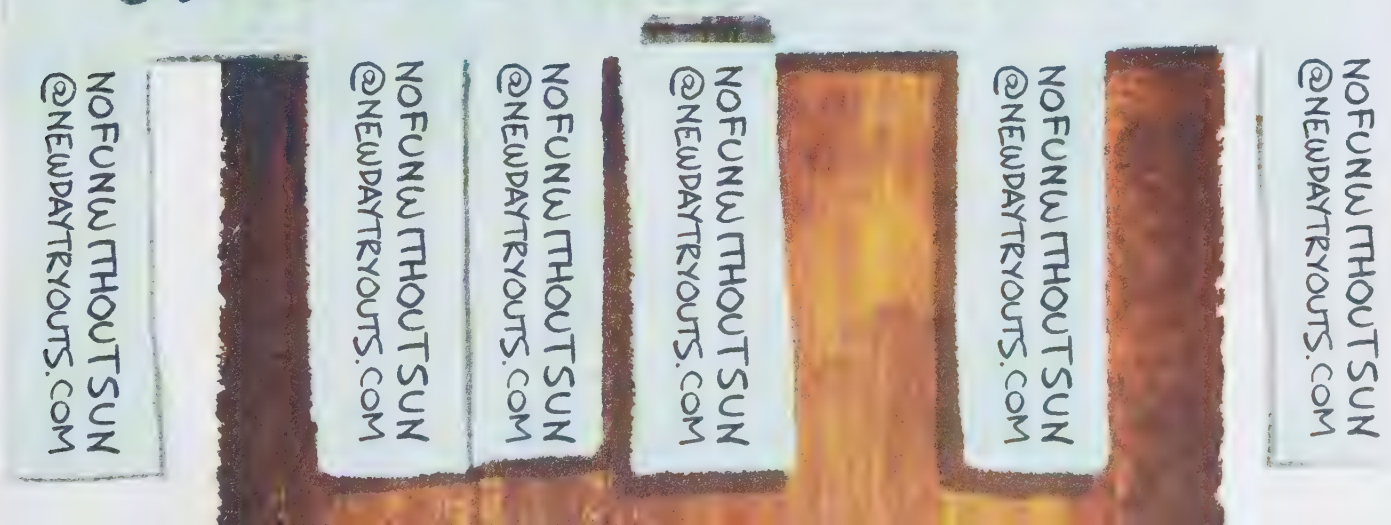


Tryouts began the next day.

The first prospects were interesting.

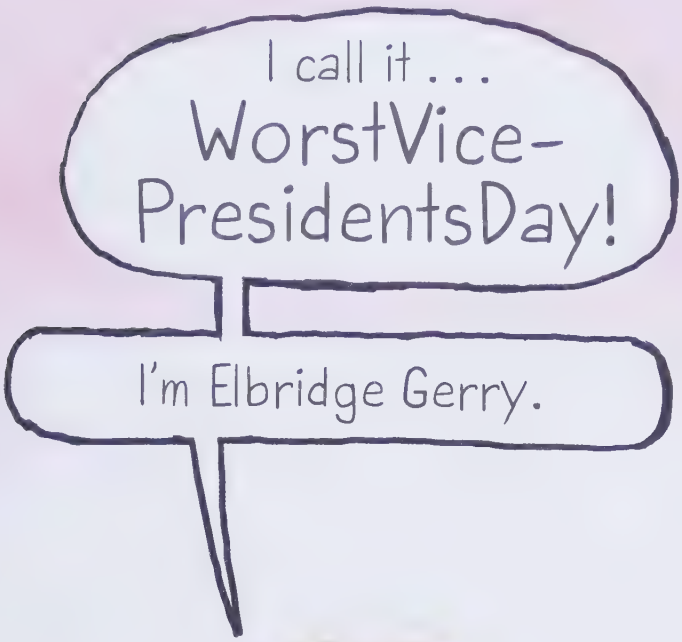
I'm FunDay . . . where every day is FUN!
NEXT!
I'm RunDay!
Every day . . .
we run!
Zoom!
Speed!
NEXT!
I'm BunDay!
Everyone's hair!
Buns! Get it?!
I kinda like BunDay!
I'm just glad it's not the other buns.
THUR

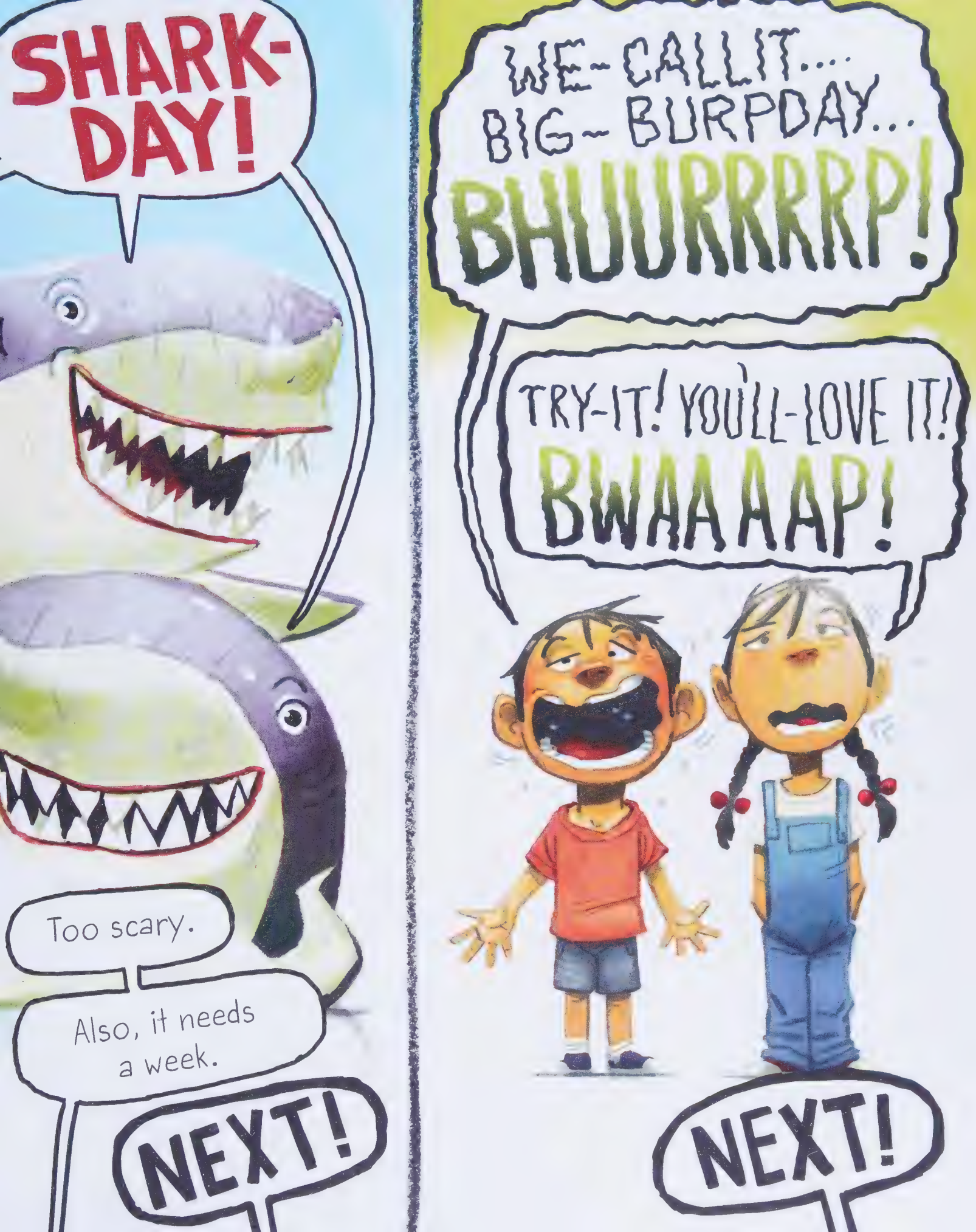
Some ideas were good.

We'll call it DogDay! Puppies! Dogs!
Everyone gets one!
Did I mention the puppies?
Ya, dude.
I vote yes.
Puppies for everyone.
Puppies would make the week go quicker.

Everyone, relax. There are still lots more days to see.
Outta my way. We're next!
Sorry, cat. The job's filled.
Here's the pitch.
Two cats lurk, knowing they are far superior to dogs.
We call it: CATURDAY!
ITIONS
THUR
FRI

Some ideas were bad.



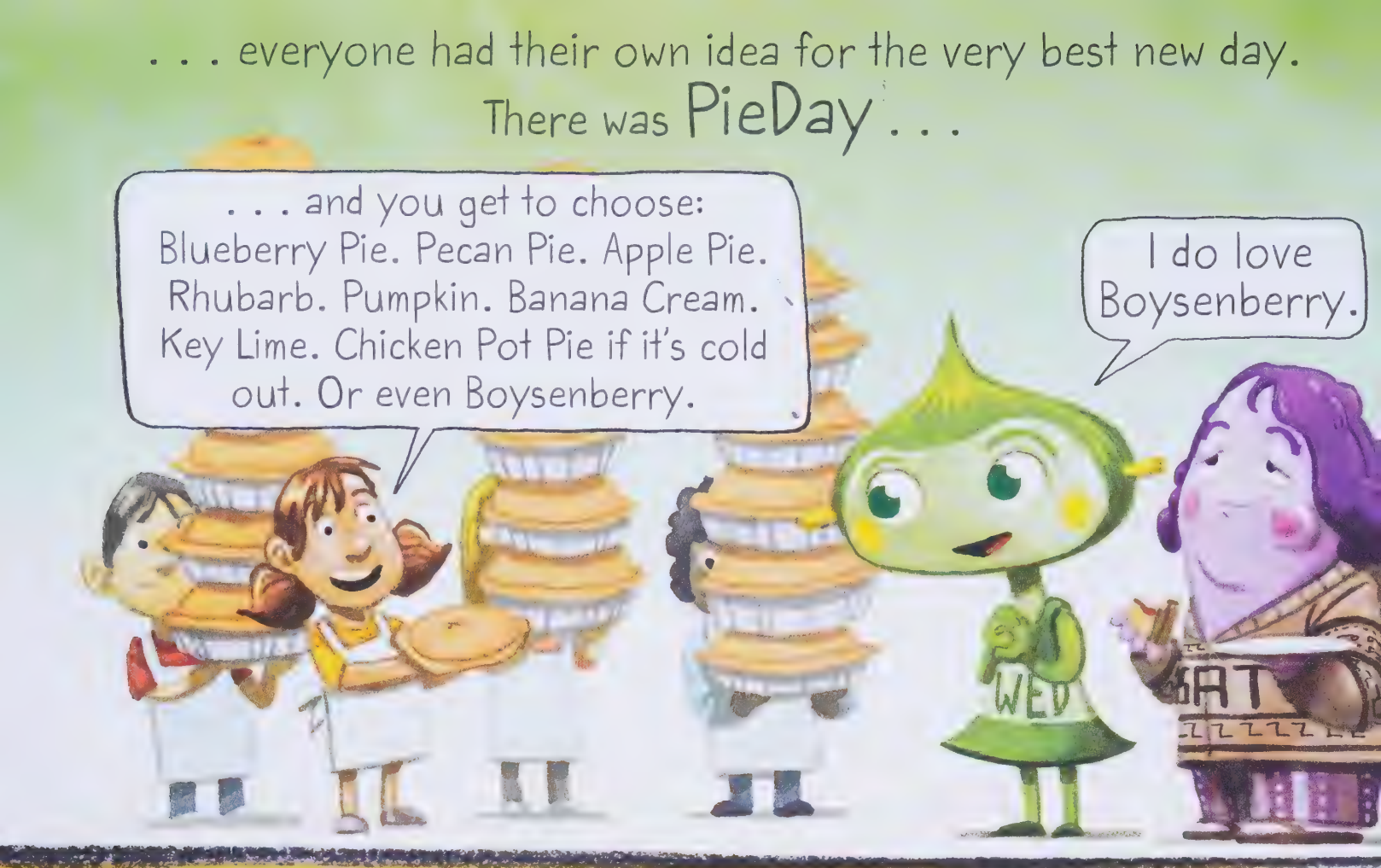

SHARK-DAY!
Too scary.
Also, it needs a week.
NEXT!
WE-CALL IT....
BIG-BURPDAY...
BHUURRRRP!
TRY-IT! YOU'LL-LOVE IT!
BWAAAAP!
NEXT!

And some days were surprisingly amazing.
Like the day where everyone gets superpowers.

At that moment, Casual Friday had no idea what he'd unleashed.
As word about the tryouts began to spread . . .

. . . everyone had their own idea for the very best new day.

There was PieDay . . .


. . . and you get to choose: Blueberry Pie. Pecan Pie. Apple Pie. Rhubarb. Pumpkin. Banana Cream. Key Lime. Chicken Pot Pie if it's cold out. Or even Boysenberry.
I do love Boysenberry.
WED
SAT

LlamaDay . . .

And of course, one of the most popular of all . . .

CAAAAAN
SHOOSH
LOLLIPOPS &
JAWBREAKERS &
CANDY BARS &

DAAAAAY!
This is not a helpful idea.
Ah. Candy. Can-day.
A play on words.
I approve.
Caturday will be an easy sell after this.

In no time, the competition grew so intense, some of the contestants snuck back in front of the judges.

Have we seen you before?
Nope. Definitely not.
Allow us to present: DogsWhoLove-FrogsDay!
They're so cute and squishy!
I have to say, I admire the teamwork.

EW DAY
AUDITIONS
Oh, c'mon! Those're the same dogs as before— but with mustaches!
This isn't fair. When do we get to pitch Caturday?
CATURDAY IS COMING

The cats were right about it being unfair.
But as word began to spread that teamwork was a good thing . . .

. . . it brought together all sorts
of combinations like
FirepoleSlidingIntoPools-
OfCottonCandyDay.
POOMF!

AUDITIONS
Mmmm . . . sugaryboogery.
This must've been made by a master of the sugar arts!
POOMF!

Sure, some days caused a bit of craziness, like when UnicornsWithFlashlightsForHornsDay . . .

met up with
UnicornsWithHornsForHornsDay.

Other days were just impractical, like
SnowmenInABlizzardEatingMarshmallowsDay.

TURDAY
IS
COMING
WE
CATS!

And still others were for too small of a niche audience.

KnightsWhoseSwordsAreHerringsDay!

Herrings?

Swordfish swords would've been funnier.

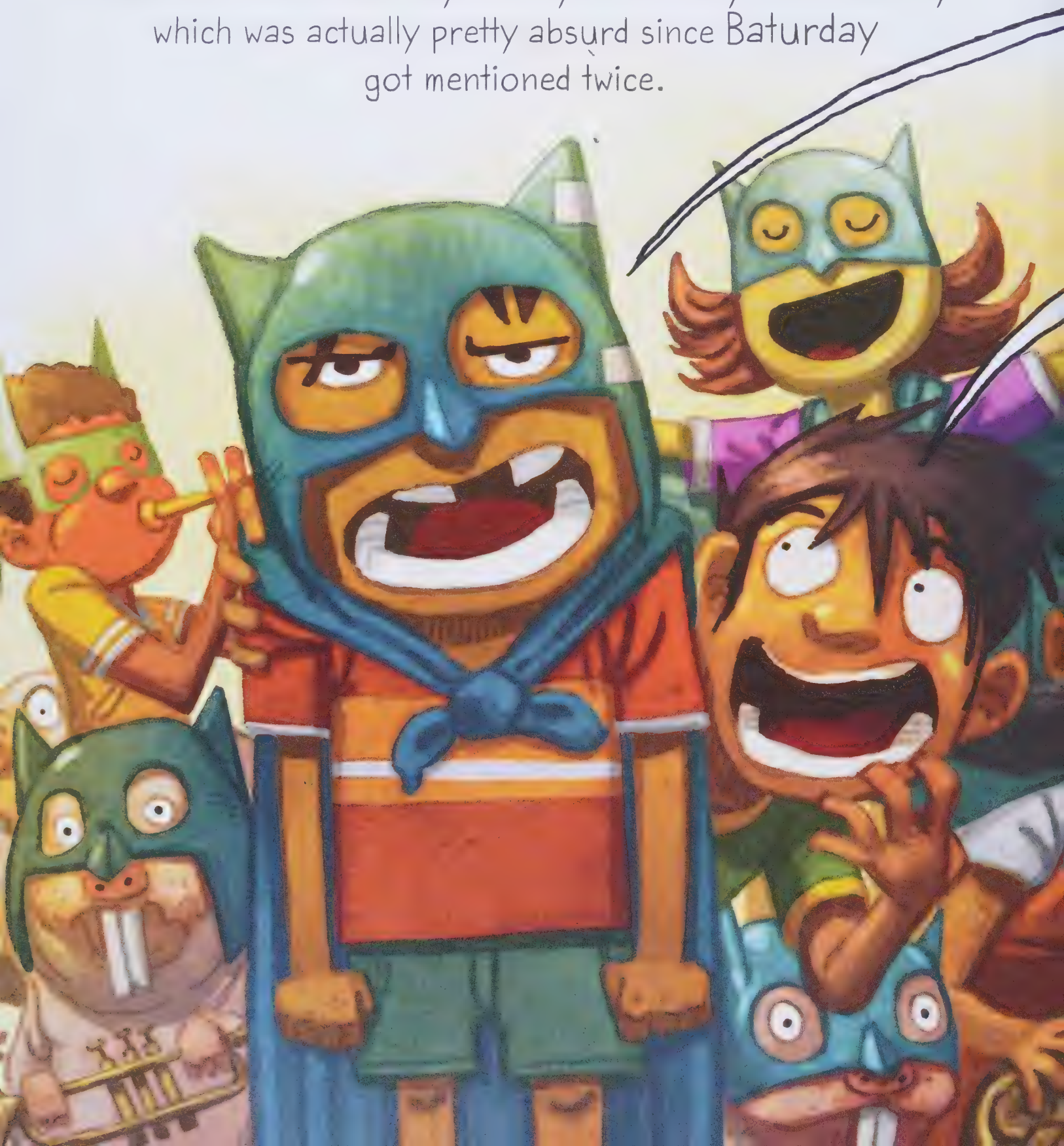
MyDogSmellsLikeCornChipsDay!

That's the *same dog*!

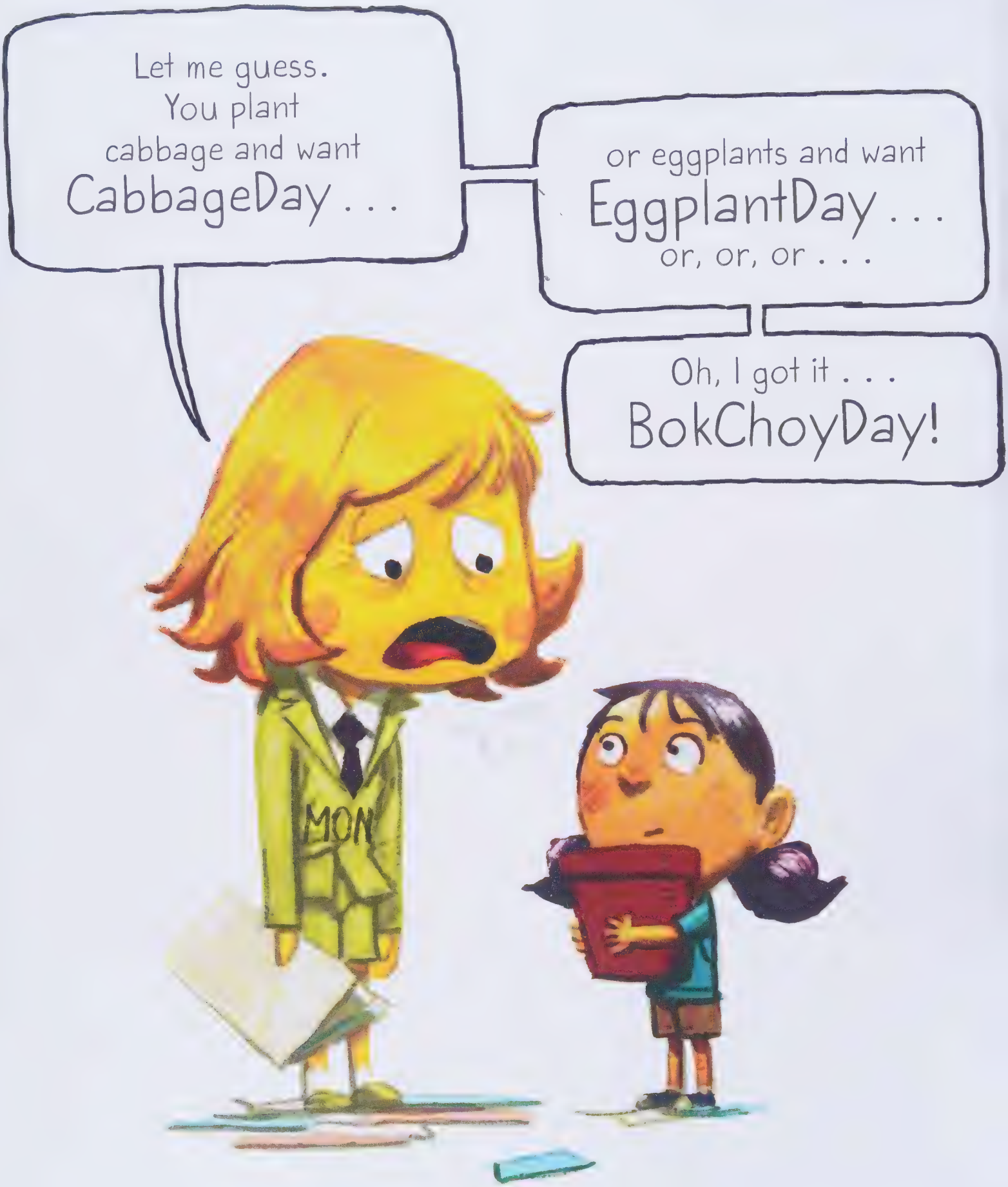
He's just eating corn chips!

CORN CHIPS

The madness got even worse when JazzDay and NakedMoleRaturday mixed with Baturday, giving us NakedMoleRatBaturdaySkittitySkatDiddlyDatBaturday, which was actually pretty absurd since Baturday got mentioned twice.



I'm Batm—
DON'T SAY IT! WE'LL GET SUED!
STOP! STOP! STOP!
Doesn't anyone have a good day?!
I do.


Let me guess.
You plant
cabbage and want
CabbageDay . . .
or eggplants and want
EggplantDay . . .
or, or, or . . .
Oh, I got it . . .
BokChoyDay!
MON

No.
I simply like growing seeds in pots.
And I grew this one— for all of you.
To say thanks.

Did you just say
thank you?

Yes, Ms. Sunday.
And the day I'd suggest is simply a nice day.
A day when people can show more kindness to each other.

Sunday would never forget that moment.
She'd never forget how the little girl made her feel.

And she'd never forget the most important
lesson of all . . .

that with a little more kindness in it,
every day can be a NEW DAY.

So you're not tired anymore?
Not anymore. Thanks to you.
Thank you for saying *thank you*.
I really needed it.

For every week after that,
Sunday got more time to play and
get away. Indeed, all the days joined in
and spent some time waterskiing. And welding.
And baking the perfect sourdough. They took a
car apart to see how it works. And learned Sanskrit,
like the Buddhists. And of course, mastered the
sugar arts. And the next day, they did Monday's
favorite things, like filing and alphabetizing.

It was a lesson for *every* day:
When you appreciate each other a little bit
more, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday, and yes, definitely Sunday
can be brand-new days where
everything is possible.

I must say, this is good raspberry sorbet.
Like how you brought the rhyme back, by the way.
Not passé or cliché?
No way— Broadway!

For Jonas, Lila, and Theo.
Whenever you need me, I'm here.
No matter the day. —B.M.

For Jodi, who could use a nice "Thank You"
every now and then. —D.S.

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CATURDAY
IS
Wait, guys? Anyone?
Where'd everybody go?

FRI
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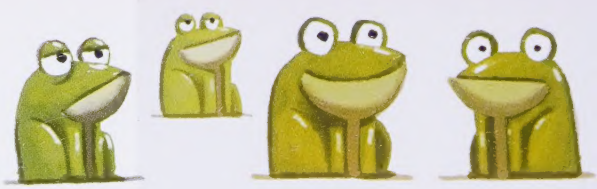

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